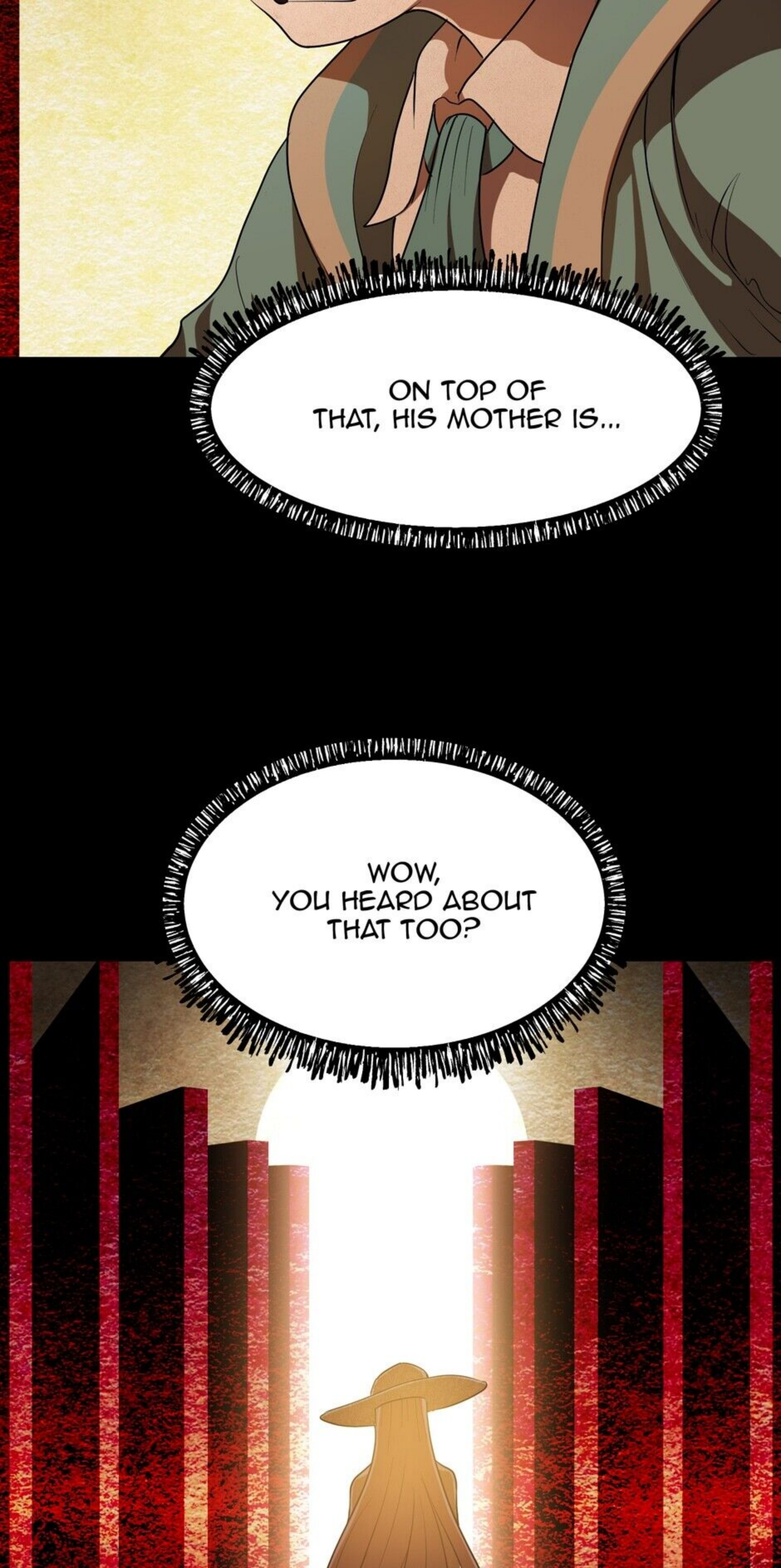
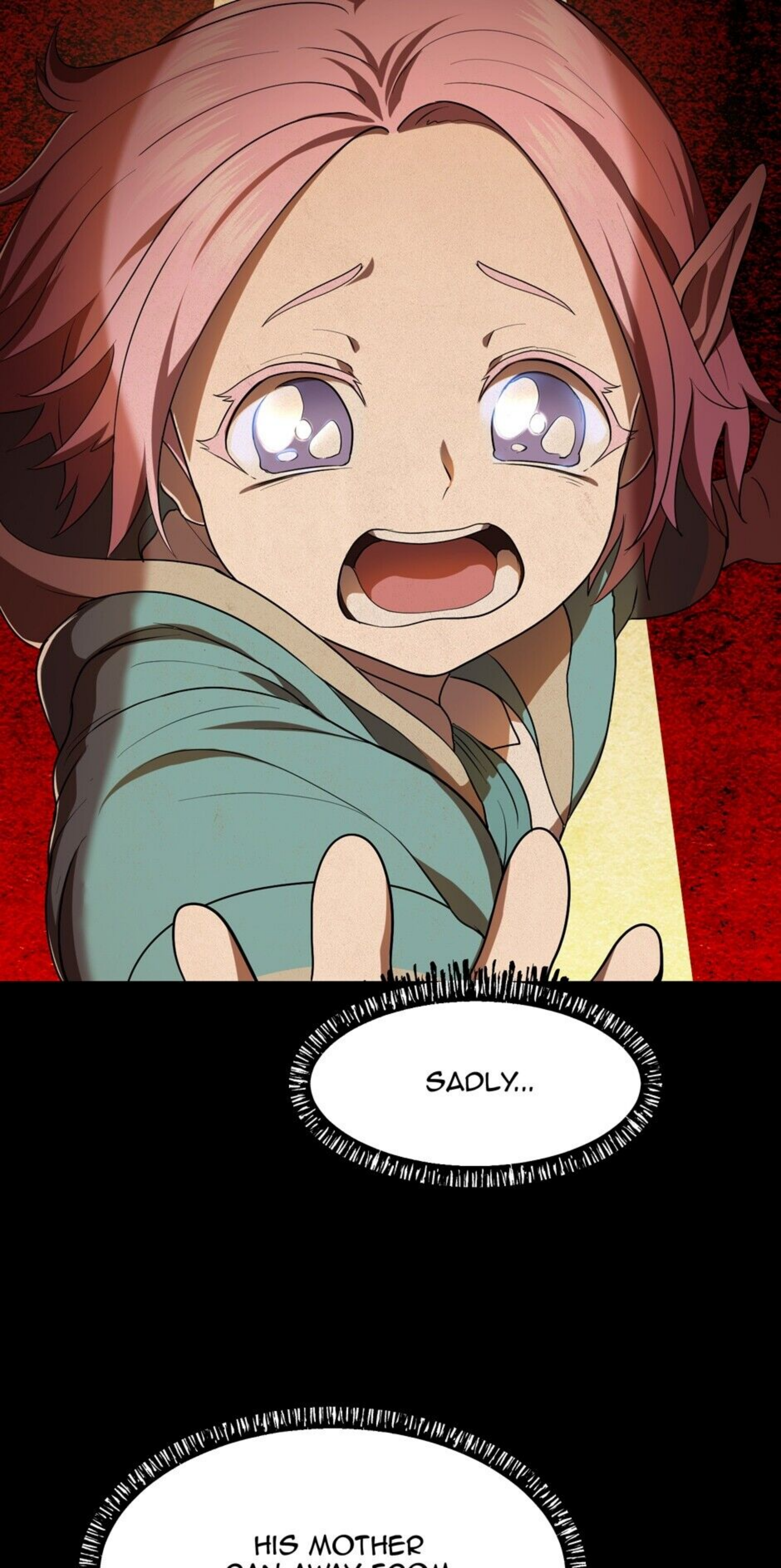
THAT'S PRINCE RAONDEL? THE ONE WHOM THE ELF KING LOVES SO DEARLY?

I KNOW RAONDEL'S A LATE CHILD, BUT I'M SURE IT PUTS THE CROWN PRINCE IN A DIFFICULT POSITION.
HE NOW HAS A YOUNGER BROTHER FROM ANOTHER MOTHER ALL OF A SUDDEN...


ON TOP OF THAT, HIS MOTHER IS...
WOW, YOU HEARD ABOUT THAT TOO?

THE PRINCE HAS BEEN LOCKED UP INSIDE THE PALACE, BUT THE WHOLE KINGDOM KNOWS!
HE'S THE RESULT OF THE KING'S MISTAKE.


SADLY...
HIS MOTHER

RAN AWAY FROM THE PALACE...

CLUNK

...WHERE AM I?

WA... TER...
AHHHHHH

CYAAH

OH, ARE YOU UP? TRY NOT TO PASS OUT AGAIN.

S-SAVAGE?!

WHAT HAPPENED?!
CLUNK
CLUNK
AND WHAT IS THIS DEAD BODY?

YOU DON'T REMEMBER? YOU FAINTED AFTER SEEING HIM THERE.

CLUNK

HE'S NOT QUITE DEAD.

CLUNK

CLUNK

HE'S IN CRITICAL CONDITION BECAUSE MOST OF HIS ENERGY HAS BEEN DRAINED OUT OF HIM, BUT HE'S STILL ALIVE.

WE MUST LOOK FOR A TOWN NEARBY TO TREAT HIM.

BUT IT'S BEEN HARD SINCE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS HIS WAY AROUND HERE WAS PASSED OUT!
...SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE WAITED FOR ME TO WAKE UP THEN?
WE HAD NO CHOICE.

MONSTERS ARE CHASING US LIKE A PACK OF WOLVES.
ZUMBLE

AHHH!!

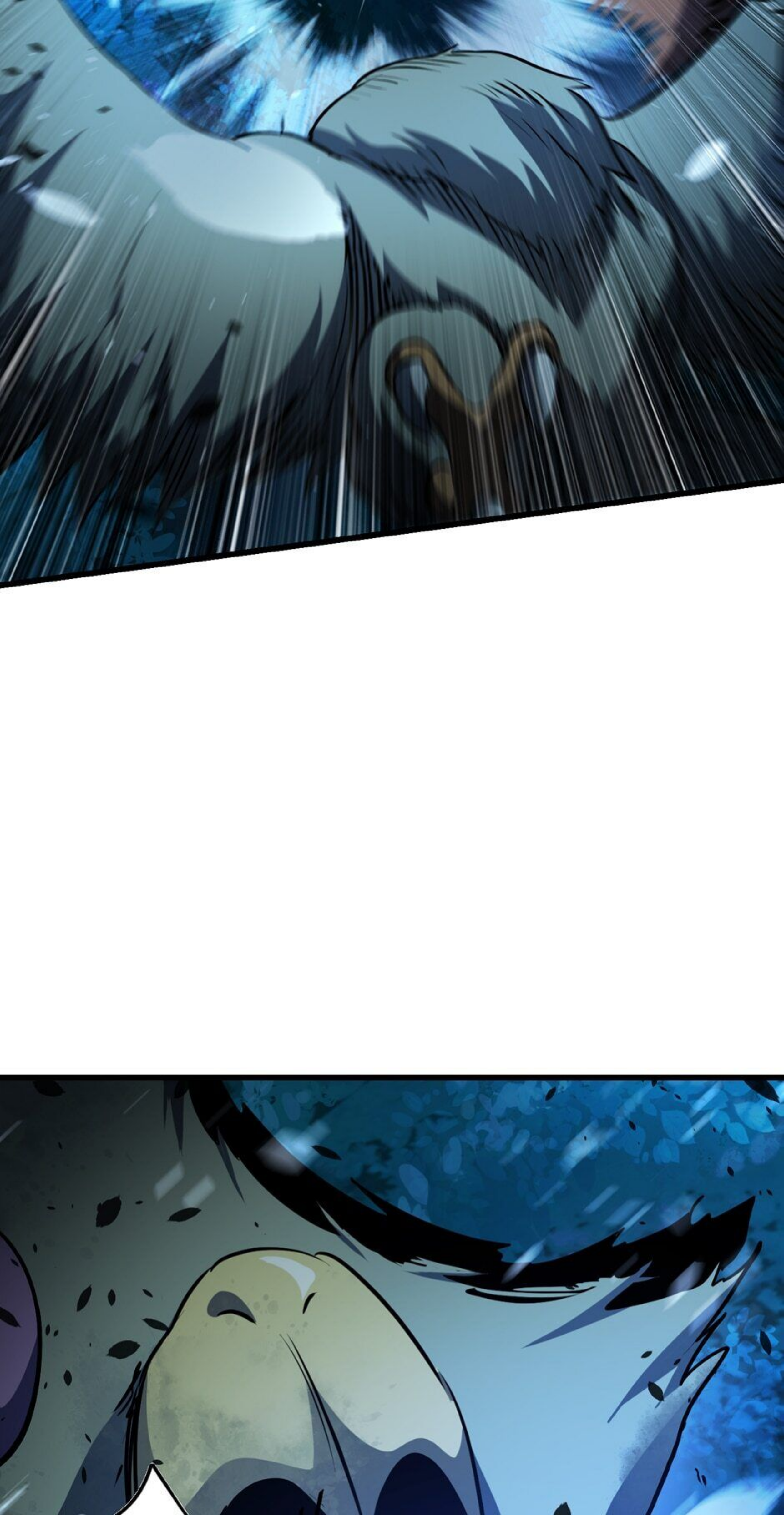
THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND US!

BUT THEY'RE WILD MONSTERS! WHY ARE THEY CHASING US?!

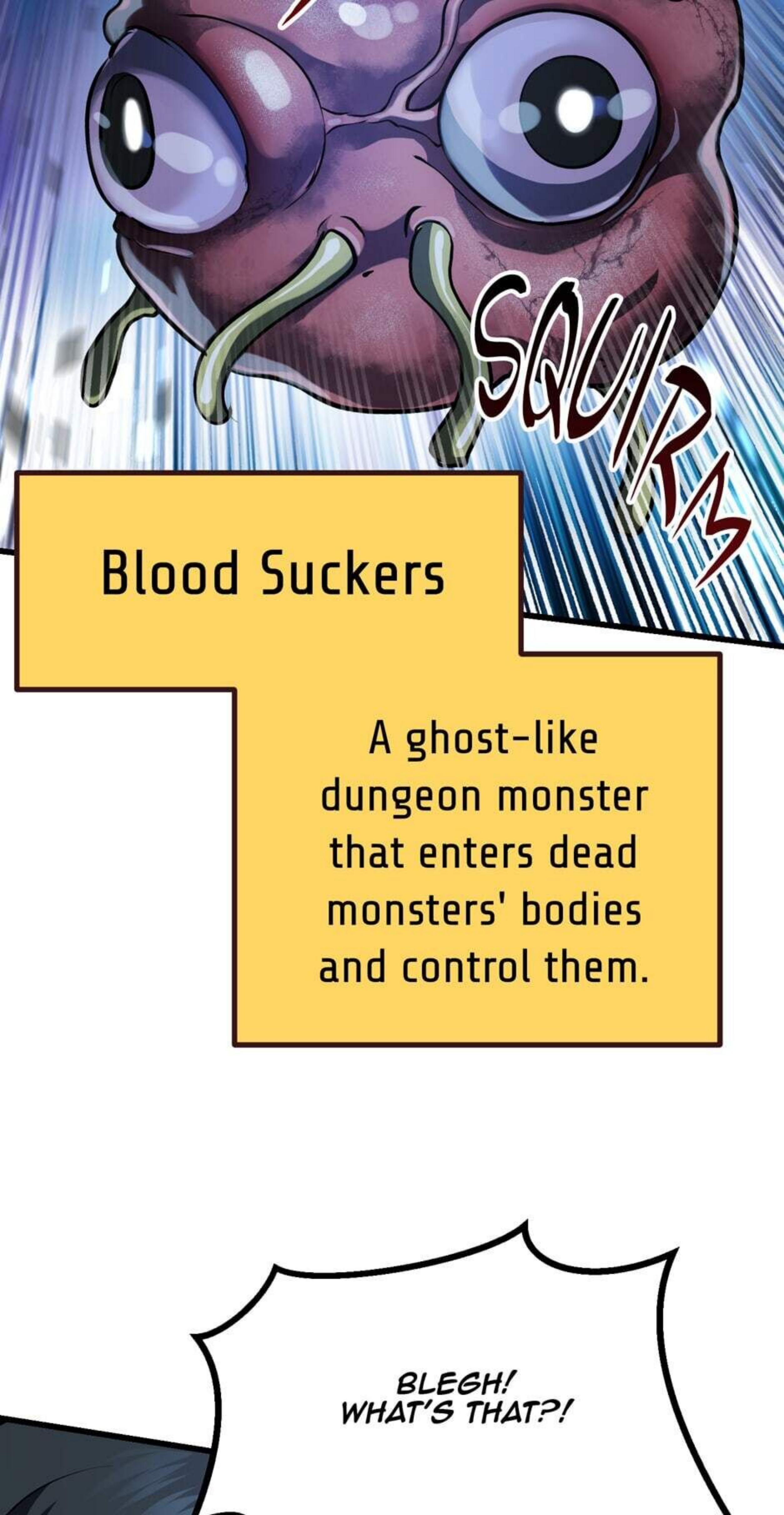
I HAVE NO IDEA EITHER...

FLICK

BOOM



KRAA
SQUIRS


SALIVA
Blood Suckers
A ghost-like dungeon monster that enters dead monsters' bodies and control them.
BLEGH! WHAT'S THAT?!

THOSE MONSTERS MUST BE WHAT HAVE BEEN SUCKING UP PEOPLE'S ENERGY AND TURNING THEM INTO MUMMIES.
ARE THEY A MORE ADVANCED VERSION OF WHAT WE SAW AT THE GHOST HOUSE?

HOW ARE DUNGEON MONSTERS HERE OUTSIDE OF A DUNGEON...?
THE REASON IS UNKNOWN.

BUT I AM CERTAIN THAT THEY ARE FOLLOWING A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF AURA.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU, SAVAGE! GET OFF THIS WAGON AT ONCE!
I DON'T LIKE THEM EITHER!
BESIDES, KIBIER'S GOT AURA TOO!

OUR SITUATION IS EQUALLY DANGEROUS AHEAD.

RUMBLE

AHH! IT'S A CLIFF!!
HOLD ON, EVERYONE!

FWICK
EPHYR!!

GOT IT!!
TAK

SHWOO

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UGHHH!
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HUH?

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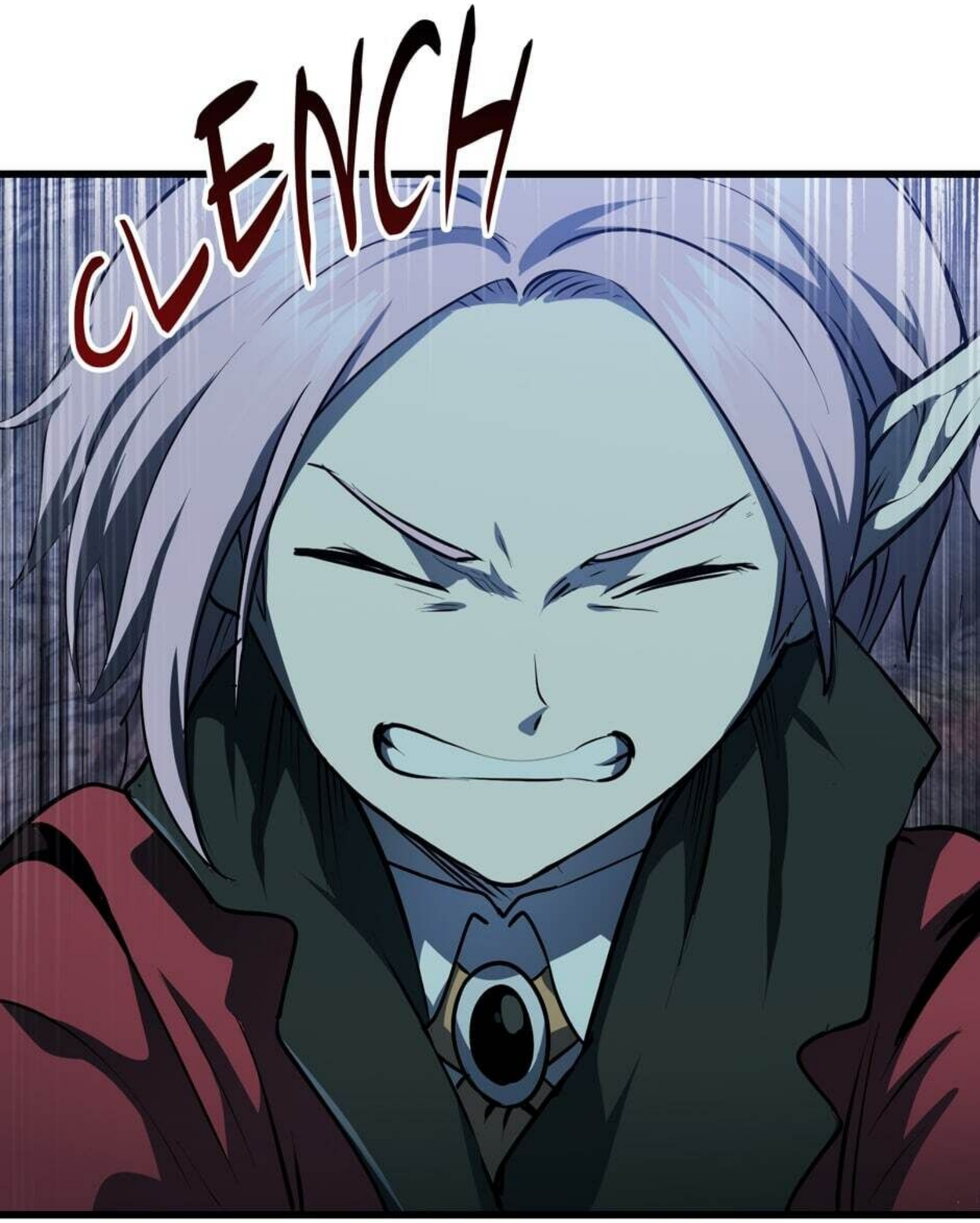
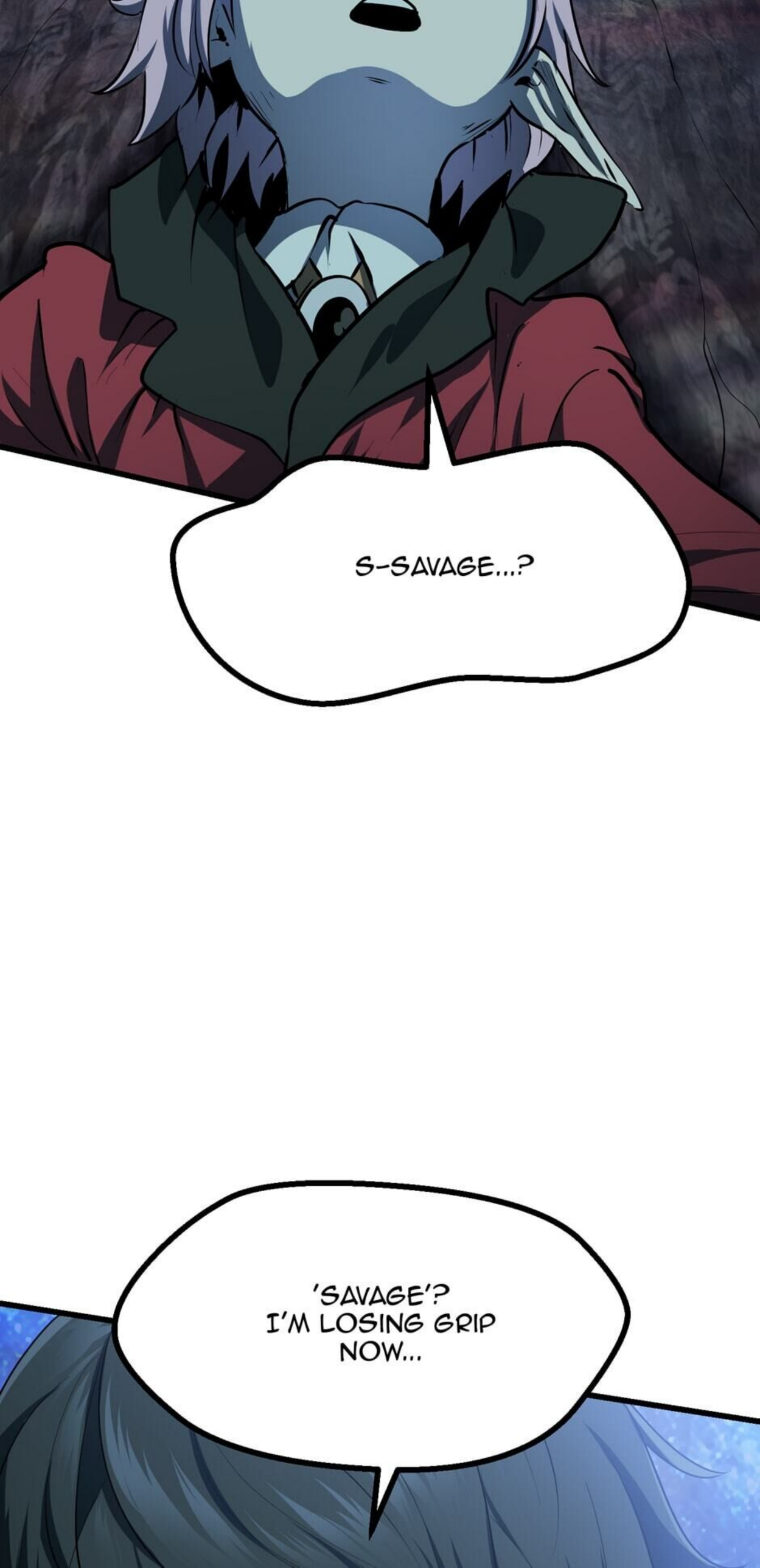
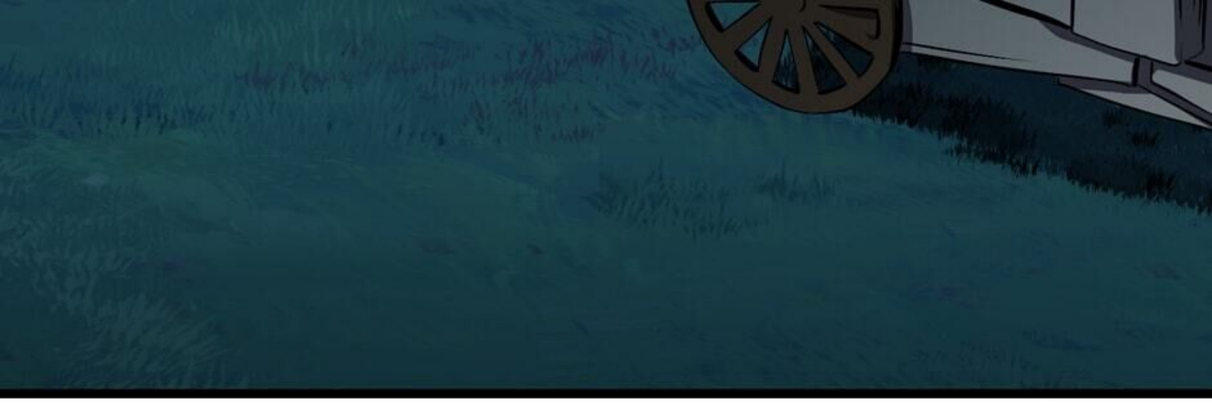

CLENCH

WHEW...


S-SAVAGE...?
'SAVAGE'?
I'M LOSING GRIP
NOW...

WHAT
DO YOU SAY?

TH-THANKS...
VALTARAN.



THE SMALL
ROOTS TOWN

MAIN GATE

I SAID, 'NO'!!

YELL

YEL

GO BACK!!
HOW DARE YOU?!

I SAID WE'RE HERE UNDER ROYAL COMMAND TO INVESTIGATE!
THE KING'S PAID NO ATTENTION TO US SINCE WE ASKED FOR HELP TWO MONTHS AGO...

HAH! I'M SURE HE WAS WAITING TO TAKE OUR LAND AFTER WE'VE ALL BEEN KILLED!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE CAME RUNNING AS SOON AS WE HEARD THE NEWS!

IT WAS HARD ENOUGH JUST GETTING HERE...
WHAT'S WITH THE VIBE?
IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE.

THIS USED
TO BE A ***HUMAN*** TOWN.

BUT THE ELVES WANTED THIS LAND BECAUSE A PART OF THE WORLD TREE'S ROOTS EXTEND OUT TO HERE.

ULTIMATELY, CONFLICTS AROSE OVER THIS LAND.

AROUND HERE, THEY DEFINITELY DON'T LIKE ELVES.
BUT WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO'S IN A CRITICAL CONDITION!

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU MUST AT LEAST SAVE HIM!
...WE'LL LET THE PATIENT IN!

BUT OUR TOWN REFUSES TO BE A PART OF THE ELVEN KINGDOM.

NO ELVES ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER!
THAT IS OUR RULE!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO INVESTIGATE WITHOUT THE TOWN'S COOPERATION.
I GUESS WE CAN RETURN TO THE GODDESS'S MISSION NOW.

LET'S GO BACK, RAONDEL.

NO.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FACE MY FATHER AND BROTHER IF I GO BACK LIKE THIS?

HOW CAN I
CALL MYSELF YOUR
'CAPTAIN'?

YOU SAID NO 'ELVES' ARE ALLOWED...?
FWSH
THEN HOW ABOUT...

...A HALF-ELF?!

YOU'RE...
A HALF-BREED
BETWEEN A HUMAN
AND AN ELF?

I THOUGHT IT WAS RARE FOR A HALF-HUMAN, HALF-ELF TO BE BORN...
THAT MUST BE WHY RAONDEL ISN'T REALLY SEEN IN

PUBLIC SETTINGS.

YOU'RE A 'HALF-EAR'?!

HA HA HA HA HA

HA

I KNEW IT!

HAH

THE ELVES NEVER HAD ANY INTENTION TO HELP!

HAH

HAH

HALF-EARS ARE HATED AMONG THE ELVES TOO! THEY ONLY SENT YOU HERE TO CAST YOU OUT!

HAHAHA

HALF-ELVES ARE TREATED WITH CONTEMPT AMONG THE PURE ELVES...

HAHA

I'M SURE
IT'S THE SAME FOR
HUMANS TOO...

V-VALTARAN...?

I CAN'T STAND THIS ANYMORE.

IT MAY BE TEMPORARY, BUT THIS KID'S STILL OUR CAPTAIN!

TUD

I HEARD THOSE MONSTERS YOU FEAR SO MUCH ARE CRAZY ABOUT AURA...

AND MY AURA'S ABOUT TO EXPLODE.

YOU'D BETTER WATCH IT...

...BEFORE I GATHER EVERY BLOOD SUCKER AROUND HERE.
CHILLS

TAKA

TAKA

I CAN'T REALLY SEE BECAUSE IT'S DARK... IS THAT REALLY A

VALTARAN WARRIOR?
MONSTERS ARE ONE THING, BUT...

CLUNK
WHERE'S THE PATIENT?

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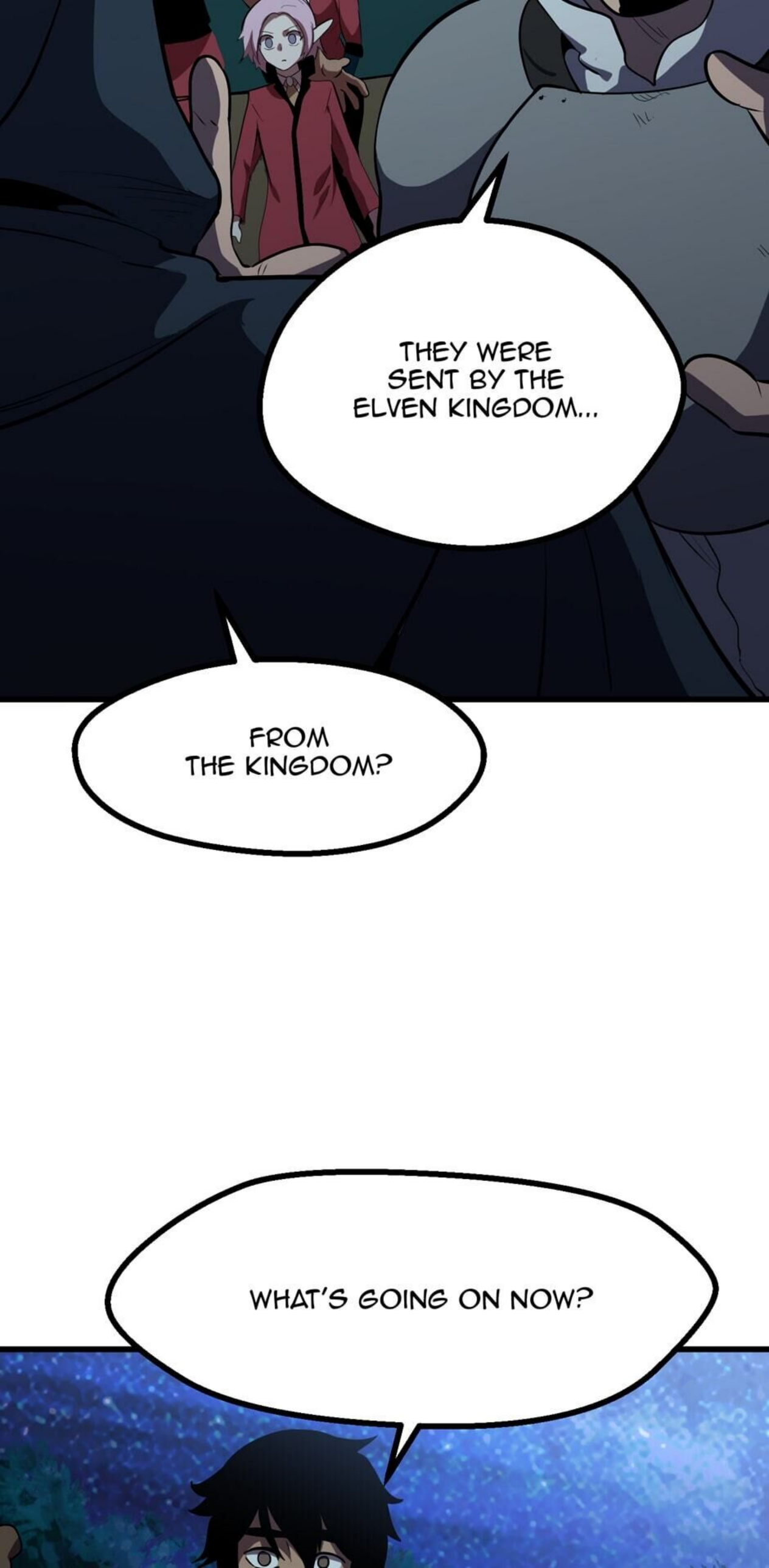
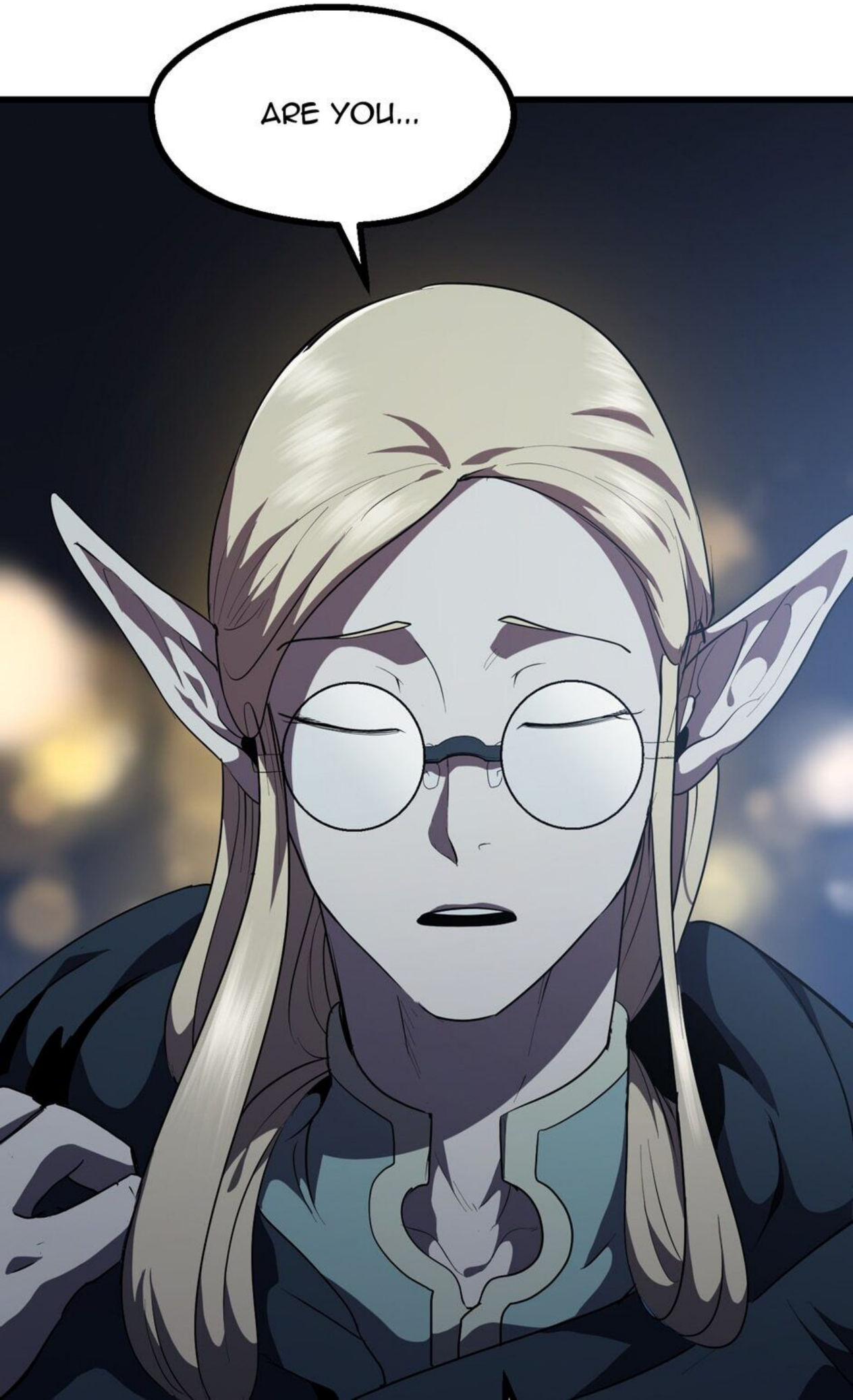
D-DOCTOR! IT'S DANGEROUS TO BE OUT.


THEY WERE SENT BY THE ELVEN KINGDOM...
FROM THE KINGDOM?
WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?

NO WAY...
YOU'VE BEEN HERE THIS WHOLE TIME...?

BIG BROTHER?
WHAT?


ARE YOU...

...RAONDEL?

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE